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DHHS Contingency Plan

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DHHS Federal Shutdown Contingency Planning (Key Dates)

December 13, 2013	Congressional budget conference committee deadline for producing a budget deal, including overall discretionary funding levels for FY 2014
January 15, 2014	Current CR expires; programs set to expire include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), portions of the Child Care Development Fund(CCDF), and the farm bill nutrition programs. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue FY 2014 sequestration report on or near this date.
February 7, 2014	Suspension of debt ceiling expires



How DHHS Is Preparing

- Communications
- Timing
- Protocol



Communications

- Internal
 - Cross-divisional and intergovernmental
 - Legal, financial, programmatic
- External
 - Local governmental and nongovernmental organizations, recipients
- Public
 - Media relations, press releases, interviews, public notices



Timing

- January is the start of the 2nd quarter of the federal fiscal year
- After Dec. 13th, with no conference agreement on the federal budget, DHHS will assess how much federal grant funding will be available for 2nd quarter
- Our ability to provide services to be determined by federal guidance and instructions from OSBM



Protocol

- Will use protocols to ensure any shutdown managed as smoothly as possible to mitigate impact to services, including
 - Checklists of actions that need to happen before, during and after the federal shutdown
 - Task Lists
 - Templates